

ENGLISH - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of English

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About This Program

The English M.A. program offers advanced study in literature, writing and critical thinking. With a focus on small class sizes and mentorship from experienced faculty, you will hone your analytical and creative skills and advance your career opportunities. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

English language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- 2.1% slower than the average
- 81,300 number of jobs
- \$69,000 potential earnings

Proofreaders and copy markers

- -2.7% decline
- 10,300 number of jobs
- \$41,140 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Writing sample (8-15 pages) relevant to the field of study
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:¹
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score
 - Minimum 120 DET score

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Funding deadline: January 15
All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) must be submitted by this deadline to be considered for an assistantship or any other funded position.
- **Spring Semester**
 - Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Major Requirements | | |
| ENG 66705 | NARRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES | 3 |
| ENG 66706 | UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH METHODS AND DESIGN IN LITERATURE AND WRITING STUDIES | 3 |
| ENG 66707 | PRACTICING NARRATIVE RESEARCH METHODS AND DESIGN | 3 |
| Advisor-Approved Electives ¹ | | 24 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 33 |

¹ Students who will serve as graduate assistants are required to take ENG 61094, which will count toward electives.

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| - | 3.000 |

- Students are required to complete 33 credit hours of graded coursework to earn the M.A. degree.
- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to think critically about the literary texts they read and interpret.
2. Demonstrate how to write coherently and clearly about research topics and other topics.
3. Demonstrate an understanding on how disciplines are interconnected.
4. Apply appropriate research methods to objects of study.
5. Demonstrate effective teaching skills and knowledge of appropriate teaching theories, if on appointment.

Full Description

The Master of Arts degree in English offers students broad learning in the areas of literature, rhetoric and composition, writing studies and beyond, with a distinctive focus on narrative. The program provides a deep and nuanced understanding of the ways narratives not only represent the world but also make it and change it, for both good and ill.

Narrative is defined very broadly as a fundamental and ubiquitous mode of thought that guides perception, constructs feelings and directs actions, operating at varying scales, in all domains and through multiple media and modes of perception. Students acquire advanced skills in critiquing, revising and creating narratives in the service of more effective and socially responsible problem solving, decision making, innovation and action planning. These skills are useful in a range of professions both in and outside the university, including law, teaching and library and information science. The M.A. degree is also strong preparation for doctoral study.